



# Georgia Writers Hall of Fame as of 2001

	<u>Year selected, or * for a Charter Member (1999)</u>
Aiken, Conrad, 1889-1973	(2001)
Caldwell, Erskine, 1903-	*
Crews, Harry, 1935-	(2001)
Dickey, James, 1923-1997	*
Du Bois, W. E. B., 1868-1963 [William Edward Burghardt Du Bois]	*
Harris, Joel Chandler, 1848-1908	*
Killens, John Oliver, 1916-1987	*
King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1927-1968	*
Lanier, Sidney, 1842-1881	*
Longstreet, Augustus Baldwin, 1790-1870	*
McCullers, Carson, 1917-1967	*
Mitchell, Margaret, 1900-1949	*
O'Connor, Flannery	*
Reece, Byron Herbert, 1917-1958	(2000)
Smith, Lillian Eugenia, 1897-1966	*
Walker, Alice, 1944-	(2000)

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# GEORGIA POETS LAUREATE as of 2002



<u>Dates in Office</u>	<u>Name of poet, where born, where lives/lived</u>	
2000-	<b>David Bottoms</b> , b. in Canton, lives in Marietta (appointed by Gov. Barnes)	
1997-2000	<b>Bettie M. Sellers</b> , 1926-	b. in Tampa, FL, lives in Young Harris (appointed by Gov. Miller and left office when his term ended)
1974-1997 (died)	<b>John Ransom Lewis</b> , 1917-1997 (John R. Lewis, Jr., M.D.)	b. in Louisville, lived in Atlanta
3-30-1973- 8-17-1973 (died)	<b>Conrad Aiken</b> , 1889-1973	b. & died in Savannah, lived also in Massachusetts & England
1963- 1973 (resigned)	<b>Agnes Cochran Bramblett, Mrs.</b> , 1886-1979	b. in Rivoli, Bibb County, lived in Atlanta & Forsyth
1944- 1963 (died)	<b>Oliver Franklin Reeves ("Ollie")</b> , 1889-1963	b. near Chattanooga, TN, lived in Atlanta
2-8-1943- 10-12-1944 (died)	<b>Wightman Fletcher Melton</b> , 1867-1944	b. in Ripley, TN, lived in Oxford & Atlanta
1927- 1943 (died)	<b>Ernest Neal</b> , 1858-1943	b. in Sparta, lived in Gordon Co., Calhoun, and Dahlonega
1-6-1925- 1-7-1927 (died)	<b>Frank L. Stanton</b> , 1857-1927 (Frank Leby Stanton)	<b>Georgia's first poet laureate;</b> b. in Charleston, SC, lived in Savannah from age 12; also lived in Waycross, Rome, and Atlanta, where he worked with Joel Chandler Harris. ("The greatly beloved Stanton"-- <u>Georgia Official &amp; Statistical Register</u> , 1969-70, p. 1073)

The poets listed alphabetically:

Aiken, Conrad	1973-1973
Bottoms, David	2000-
Bramblett, Agnes Cochran	1963-1973
Lewis, John Ransom	1974-1997
Melton, Wightman Fletcher	1943-1944
Neal, Ernest	1927-1943
Reeves, Oliver Franklin ("Ollie")	1944-1963
Sellers, Bettie M.	1997-2000
Stanton, Frank L.	1925-1927

Served as Poet Laureate

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David Bottoms was nominated for the post of Georgia Poet Laureate by the Georgia Humanities Council and selected by Governor Barnes, Mr. Bottoms to hold the title for the length of Gov. Barnes' term in office (information from the web site of the Georgia Secretary of State, [www.sos.state.ga.us](http://www.sos.state.ga.us)).

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